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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 2

The following area will continue to be open to purse seining through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 20, 2012:

District 2: will be open north of the latitude of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile south of McLean Point Light) and south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

The Kendrick Bay terminal harvest area (THA) opened on June 15, 2012, by regulation, and will be open continuously to purse seining through September 30, unless closed by emergency order. The Kendrick Bay THA consists of those waters of Kendrick Bay west of 131°59.00' W. longitude and those waters of McLean Arm west of 131°57.80' W. longitude.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 21, 2012:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: will be closed;

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°48.00' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°43.00' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed north and west of a line from North Point to the northernmost tip of Round Island to the southernmost tip of Round Island to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°12.48' N. latitude, 134°50.98' W. longitude.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Kendrick Bay, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay Terminal Harvest Areas may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet Terminal Harvest Area must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

The 2012 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 820,000. Of this return, 170,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 650,000 available for common property harvest. This will be the first season that NSRAA will not be conducting any direct cost recovery harvests. Instead, in order to derive the necessary revenues, the NSRAA Board of Directors has requested that the Department of Revenue assess a 20% tax of the value of all chum salmon harvested in the waters described as Section 12-A south of 57°27.00' N. latitude, north of 57°01.00' N. latitude, and west of a line from 57°27.00' N. latitude, 134°45.50' W. longitude to 57°01.00' N. latitude, 134°41.50' W. longitude (Subsections 112-11, 112-21, and 112-22) from June 15 through July 31 as provided for under AS 16.10.455 and new regulations adopted by the Department of Revenue found at:

<http://www.tax.alaska.gov/programs/documentviewer/viewer.aspx?209s>.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Friday, **June 22, 2012**.

Copies of the "2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan" may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department's website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S2312.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Catch Estimates
Statistical Week 25
Preliminary Estimates compiled June 19, 2012

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 2*	400	1,600	800	1,700	25,000	29,500	17
Deep Inlet	130	0	0	0	40	170	4
Hidden Falls	400	0	0	0	1,900	2,300	12

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2*	24	94	47	100	1,471	1,735
Deep Inlet	33	0	0	0	10	43
Hidden Falls	33	0	0	0	158	192

*District 2 numbers are for the entire 4-day period

Neets Bay THA-Seine harvest to date-chum-1,500, Chinook-400, 9 boats

Confidential Data: Kendrick Bay THA

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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